

GREATER WYOMING COMMUNITY RESOURCE ALLIANCE

December 16, 2014

9:00 AM

City of Wyoming

City Manager's Conference Room 2nd Floor

I ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Jim Carmody, Chairperson

Present: Rebecca Rynbrandt, Jim Carmody, Paul Wegener, Tamara Lopez, Jack Sluiter, John Armendarez, Megan Sall, Curtis Holt, and Kent Vanderwood

Guest: Nancy Bazan, Bob Luders

Absent: Jeff Koeze

Open Positions: 1

II PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

As there was no quorum at the September 23, 2014 and October 28, 2014 meetings, their notes were entered into the record.

NOTE: The August 26, 2014 meeting minutes will need to be approved at the January meeting.

III FINANCIAL REPORT

Bazan presented a final financial report for the period ending December 15, 2014. Expenses during the period were minimal. Our annual appeal letter has been sent and donations are beginning to come in. To date \$1,400 has been received due to the appeal. The general fund balance is \$52,839.74. Other restricted accounts were reviewed.

Vanderwood questioned the \$4,117 General Donations amount. It was affirmed that the GM donation of \$4,000 was posted to this account. Carmody noted the dedicated donation of approximately \$6,000 was received from the Animal Medical Center's walk event for the purchase of a new K-9 officer.

A motion by Sall, seconded by Vanderwood to accept the finance report as presented was made. Motion carried unanimously.

IV OLD BUSINESS

A. Fall Appeal Letter Update

As was previously mentioned, \$1,400 has been raised to date. The letter was released the first week of December. Rynbrandt will provide a roster of received donations at the next meeting.

B. WCYC Fiduciary Letter

Carmody shared the receipt of the Wyoming Community Youth Coalition's letter affirming their disbandment and their request that their restricted funds of \$672.54 be used in support of youth focused initiatives in the community. As such the funds have been moved to the General Activities for future award.

A motion by Holt, seconded by Armendarez to accept the letter terminating the WCYC fiduciary agreement was made. Motion carried unanimously.

V NEW BUSINESS

A. Nominations for New Board Members and Acknowledgment of Resignations

On behalf of the Board, Carmody thanked Sall and Armendarez for their service. Sall was recognized for her recent appointment to the Grand Valley State University Board of Directors. Armendarez was recognized for his community dedication and advocacy. Both conveyed their appreciation for the City, the Board members and the impactful work of the Alliance.

The discussion of appointing a nominations committee ensued. At this time Board members are encouraged to bring forward names of appointment consideration. If none are forth coming in a timely manner then a nominations committee shall be formed.

It was noted that newly hired Bob Luders, Finance Director for the City of Wyoming, will be put forward for appointment. The Finance Director serves as Treasurer for the Alliance. Holt will notify the Clerk's office to process the appointment.

Lopez indicated she had a prospective Board member. She will contact the person to affirm interest and report back.

VI ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Grant Awards for CY 2015

As previously discussed at the September and October meetings, it was affirmed that there would be a closed granting process for the 2015 awards. Rather, the Alliance would target grant awards to the agencies that provided emergency and ongoing assistance to the July 2014 tornado victims. Those present at the October meeting informally approved the plan to pledge \$10,000 to the tornado relief agencies and \$5,000 to youth programming. The distribution proposed was as follows:

Team Rubicon Region V, \$2000
Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church, \$2000
World Renew Disaster Response Services, \$2000
Salvation Disaster Services, \$2000
Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief, Michigan Chapter, \$1000
National Relief Network, \$1000

A motion by Rynbrandt, seconded by Holt to award grants as presented, including \$5,000 to youth programming, was made. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Shop With A Cop Event

Carmody explained the event to the Board which targets disadvantaged youth, developing relations with police officers, and a holiday giving program. Walmart has agreed to fund the program at \$500; Koeze has blessed the event with a \$1,000 contribution (dedicated donation to the Alliance Public Safety fund). Carmody requests Board consideration of authorizing an additional \$1,000 from our Public Safety Program set aside. Discussion. This would provide for 30 children to participate in the program.

A motion by Holt, seconded by Sall to authorize of total of \$2,000 to be used from the Public Safety funds (this included the Koeze donation) for this purpose. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Transfer of Funds to City General Fund for the Purpose of K-9 Officer (dog) Purchase

Rather than process a direct check from the Alliance for the purchase, the City requests the dedicated funds be transferred to the General Fund to allow for the purchase to officially occur by the City and its Police Department. This is important for various reasons, including liability and asset tracking. Motion by Sall, seconded by Armendarez was made to authorize the transfer of the K-9 purchase value to the City. Motion carried unanimously.

VII ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Armendarez and Sall once again thanked the Board for their support and encouragement. It has been their pleasure and honor to serve the community.

VIII PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX CLOSE – NEXT MEETING DATE

The meeting concluded at 3:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., January 27, 2015, Wyoming City Hall, Manager's Conference Room, 2nd Floor

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rynbrandt
Secretary
Board of Directors